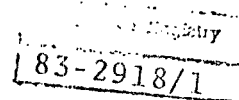


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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



7 JUN 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR GEORGE SHULTZ

Your memo of June 6 asked about the possibility of Lord Carrington replacing Joseph Luns.

During my recent meeting with the NATO Defense Ministers, I learned that there may be a better alternative. If Joseph Luns is asked to stay on, we were given to understand, he would be pleased to do so. I can't think of any person of such stature who is a stauncher supporter of our interests in NATO and at the same time acceptable to all concerned. As you know, Luns is very skillful in dealing with the NATO bureaucracy and his heart is in the right place. Before we look for alternatives, I recommend we ask Luns to stay on for a while.

OSD review completed

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cc: Bill Clark  
Bill Casey

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